PATENT 450100-02397 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Applicant Hajime NISHIMURA et al. OCT 0 6 2004 09/521,698 U.S. Serial No. **Technology Center 2600** March 9, 2000 Filing Date For DISK RECORDING AND/OR REPRODUCING APPARATUS Art Unit 2615 745 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10151 Tel: 212-588-0800 Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Dear Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown below. This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply. Claims as Amended (1) (2)(3)(4) (5)(6) (7) Claims remaining after Highest Present extra Rate Additional amendment number Fee previously paid for Total claims Minus ** =20 \$18 (9) =\$0 Independent claims Minus \$86 (43) =\$0 Total additional fee for this amendment \$0 If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5. If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space. *** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space. This response is being filed within the ___ ___ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a _____ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached, which covers the cost of \(\square\) additional claims ____ petition for extension of time. Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320. Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320. I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with Respectfully submitted, the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on September 30, 2004.

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This is responsive to the July 26, 2004 Final Office Action. No fee is believed to be due for consideration of this paper. If, however, a fee is required, any such fee may be charged, or overpayment credited, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.